



## Minutes Lehigh Valley Snow Riders September 30, 2015

Welcome to the first meeting of the 2015 -2016 season. We had a great turnout at tonight's meeting with over 30 people. Do you think it had anything to do with the cash raffle?! More on that later. The meeting was called to order by Carol Spafford 7:10pm.

### Reading of the minutes

- Wendy Warren read the minutes from the April meeting. Motion to approve minutes was made by Don Donk, seconded by Carol Spafford, all in favor.

### Treasurer's Report

- Chris Livermore gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve Treasurer's report was made by Matt Schaertl, seconded by Michelle Livermore, all in favor.

### Old Business

- Chicken BBQs - The fundraising committee had 2 chicken BBQs over the summer. The first was Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 23rd, in the parking lot of Community Bank on the corner of S Main St & Rt 5 & 20 in Canandaigua. It was a great day, lots of traffic and we sold out!
- The second chicken BBQ was Saturday, August 1st in Tops Plaza parking lot. We got lucky again with the weather, but the Sauerkraut Festival was the same weekend, so sales weren't as good as we had hoped.
- Cash Raffle - the fundraising committee also did a Cash Raffle. Tickets were made and sold over the summer. The winners will be picked after tonight's meeting.....more on that later.
- A BIG THANK YOU to the fundraising committee members and everyone who helped!
- NYSSA did raise the fees for snowmobile club membership an extra \$5. Out of the \$5 - \$4 will go to the club and \$1 will go to Sled NY to promote snowmobiling throughout the state.
- Carol reviewed the Covered Bridge challenge where you visit 10 different covered bridges throughout the state, take a selfie of you and your sled next to the bridge, and upload the pics to the website. If you do all 10 you receive a sticker. The route covers 14 counties and over 663 miles. For more info go to [www.NYSnowmobileWebmap.com](http://www.NYSnowmobileWebmap.com)
- NYSSA Forum is in Lake Placid next year, April 29 - May 1, 2016.
- Super raffle tickets are a good profit maker for us. Roger & Carol should have the tickets at the next meeting in October.
- The club decided that since we are low on funds, we will not make any monetary donations this year. We can donate 'gift baskets' when appropriate. Our club's main purpose is to maintain our trail system, so we will focus only on that until our funds improve.
- Trail work - Our paperwork for any trail work / grooming done needs to be turned in ASAP. They will not give funds for anything over 60 days old. Please give your hours to Roger or Carol immediately after you have worked/groomed, etc.
- Any GPS data older than 2011 needs to be updated.

- Trail work - It was decided that we will use the New Holland mainly on the C4 trail system, therefore, we do not need to widen/expand the entire trail system. We can still use the Gator (Thank You Bob Crosby) and Skandic.
- Merchandiser bridge will need to be widened, again. We set a work date of October 17th at 9am. Can possibly use a house trailer frame or telephone poles for support.
- Combs said he will clear some limbs himself to make room for the New Holland, it may already be done. There should be plenty of room through the rest of the woods.
- Down to Rt 31 - decided we should take one of the smaller groomers - Gator or Skandic.
- Stryker - doesn't want trees cut, but even the Gator hits some of the low branches.
- Slavis - Roger will talk to him about the sharp corner.
- Gorham trail expansion - Myron wasn't in attendance, so no update. The state is almost at their limit as far as mileage of trails. Once reached they will not be funding any new trails. If we want to get funding, we need to get the paperwork going now. Don had sent a bunch of information to Myron including aerial views from assessor records. Need to get together to determine exactly where the trail goes and create a list of landowners and addresses - Don Donk, Matt Schaertl, Myron Griffin, Joe Gray, John Burnett, Mike Kunes & Chris Livermore who will bring the Tiffany's. Should also include the guys from Yates Co Club.
- It was discussed that other clubs are also having problems with landowner permissions and are having to create work-arounds for landowners who no longer want sleds on their property, mostly because of riders who do not stay on the marked trails.
- Tax credit for gas receipts - It was mentioned that we can get 30¢ per gallon tax credit, so everyone please bring your gas receipts to the meetings to give to our accountant.
- The fundraising committee will have a meeting at BBs Thursday, October 15th.

### **New Business**

- Social Media - would a text message reminder for trail work updates be good? Joe Gray will help, and will also update the website and our FaceBook page.
- Groomer maintenance - the drag needs some work, tractor needs an oil change and general maintenance.
- Groomer Drivers - we will have a short 'class' for anyone who volunteers to help groom, to make sure they know how to operate the tractor and the drag.

### **Cash Raffle**

- Congratulations to the following prize winners:
  1. Chris Anderson - \$1,000
  2. Mark Colf - \$500
  3. Scott DeCook - \$250
  4. Chuck LaPlant - \$150
- The only expense was the cost to print the tickets. What a great fundraiser! Thanks to everyone who sold tickets and to Amanda & Sean Bourne for coming up with the idea!
- It was discussed that we should do this fundraiser every year after the Super Raffle. Sell the tickets over the summer and announce the winner at the first meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

- A motion was made by Michelle Livermore approx 8:30 to close the meeting, seconded by Nate Roth, all in favor.
- The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th at 7:00 PM at Buffalo Bill's Restaurant.